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SUBJECT: Sub-Inspector S.G. Nadeyeff - Letter to Editor of "New Times".

With reference to the endorsement of the Officer i/c Special Branch on the attached translation from the "New Times" of 23-3-42, enquiries have been made regarding the circumstances which led to the appearance of Sub-Inspector S.G. Nadeyeff's letter to the Editor of the "New Times".

It would appear that rumours to the effect that he is a member of the local Soviet Citizens Club are based on a list of members of that club compiled some time in July, 1941 by an individual who is reported to have been engaged in anti-Soviet intelligence work for the past several years. A copy of this list has been obtained from a confidential source in connection with the present enquiries. In it is mentioned under No.199 one "N.Nadeyeff". It will be seen that the initial of this individual does not correspond to those of Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff (S.G.). Several other inaccuracies have been noticed in the list in question which, together with the obscure origin of this document, suggest that information it contains must be accepted with extreme caution and reserve.

Interviewed by the undersigned on 28-3-42 Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff confirmed that on 30-10-41, being annoyed by the persistent rumours referred to above, he addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Committee requesting him to cause enquiries to be made regarding the origin of the rumours and persons spreading them in order that his good name as a Russian

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emigrant might be protected.

Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff's antecedents and general reputation in the Russian community do not in the least suggest that he is a Soviet sympathiser, and it has been ascertained that the Russian Emigrants Committee does not give any credence to the above allegation against him. Moreover, it is quite possible that the said rumours originated through a/ misunderstanding. In this connection it is of interest to note that on 9-3-42 died in Shanghai one N.I. Nadeyenko, a musician, who registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee in 1932. Following his death, the Russian Emigrants Committee was informed by the French Police that amongst the belongings of the deceased his Soviet passport had been found. It is very likely that he was a member of the Soviet Citizens Club and that his name was confused with that of Sub-Inspector S.G. Nadeyeff.

When addressing his letter to the Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Committee in October last, Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff stated that, being a policeman, he could not defend his good name in the press. It seems to be rather unfortunate that he has changed his attitude towards this matter and, with permission of Chief Inspector Sugisaki, Associate Officer in Charge of Bubbling Well Station, addressed the attached letter to the Editor of the "New Times". This action may be understood to a certain extent in view of the fact that on 28-12-41 he was selected as a target for a slanderous attack by the Russian weekly newspaper "NASH POOT" (Vide File

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D.8149 - F.136). Hereunder is a translation of an extract from the article in question:-

"... It is an open secret ,for instance,that contributions towards the British War Fund played an important part in the matter of promotion of Russian members of the S.M.Police. Certain individuals,who were particularly interested in promotion,contributed considerable amounts regularly every month and were not disappointed in their expectations: they were noticed,regarded as being nice fellows and usually were selected for promotion".

"One of such ambitious persons,who at one time contributed money towards the British War Fund under the pseudonym "MOLOTOV",went so far in his yearning for promotion to the rank of Sub-Inspector that he sent his daughters to a children's party attended by many of his British chiefs,wearing broad ribbons over their shoulders with the words "GOD SAVE ENGLAND" printed on them in bold type!"

"This contemptible lackey got what he desired: he was promoted over the heads of his Russian colleagues, including many men of meritorious service,intelligence and Honour."

According to Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff,the true facts about the above outburst are as follows:-

1. Some time in 1939,following the conclusion of the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact,when the name of V.Molotov,Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, was frequently mentioned in the press and conversations,one of Nadeyeff's collegues at Bubbling Well Station nicknamed him "Molotov" by way of a joke.

2.In December,1939 and February,1940 he subscribed $10.00 on each occasion towards the British War Comfort Fund under his own name. He believes that lists of subscribers were published in the "North China Daily News". Subscriptions lists were available at each Police Station.

3.Some time about Christmas in 1939/40 or 1940/41 his daughters attended a Fancy Dress Party for children at the home of Sergeant R.S. Wimsett. One of them wore a costume which had been given to her by an English lady friend who was leaving for Canada. The details of the costume included the British national flag, the inscriptions "Britannia" and "Buy British goods" displayed on the chest,head-dress and belt,respectively.

The rest of the story ,Sub-Inspector Nadeyeff stated, were invented by the gentlemen from the "Nash Post".

A. Prokofiev
D.I.

Officer i/c Special Branch

Translation from Russian.

THE NEW TIMES MARCH 23.1942

Letter to the Editor.

Sir,

Will you be good enough to publish the following in your esteemed journal:-

Approximately in the end of August,1941 I became aware of rumours alleging that I am a member of the local Soviet Citizens' Club and that I am contributing towards the Red Army Fund under the pseudonym "Molotov".

I immediately applied to Colonel N.K. Serejnikoff, Head of the Russian Emigrant Community, with a request to render me assistance in the matter of refuting this malicious calumny.

Colonel Serejnikoff advised me to make a statement in writing on this subject addressed to him, considering that this would be quite sufficient for my rehabilitation. I acted accordingly.

It has come to my knowledge at present that the same rumour is again current and therefore I deem it necessary to publish the above for general information.

I am, etc.

(Signed:) S.G. NADEYEFF

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Eng & report the circumstances.

Translator's note: The writer of the above letter is Sub-Inspector S.G. Nadeyeff, Shanghai Municipal Police.

March 23,1942.

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